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KISANGANI ON MARCH 22ND IS RPTD FOR YOUR INFO:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECON, CG

SUBJECT: WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT

1. ZAIRIANIZATION: PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S DECISION TO REVIEW THE  
DOSSIERS OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY ZAIRIANIZATION HAS ALARMED  
MANY OF THE NEW OWNERS. REINVESTMENT AND REORDERING OF STOCKS  
ARE AT A MINIMUM PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE SITUATION. THE  
LIST OF NEW OWNERS IN HAUT-ZAIRE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC  
BY THE AUTHORITIES.

2. SHORTAGES AND RISING PRICES: TOMATO PASTE IS AVAILABLE AGAIN  
IN KISANGANI. THE ARRIVAL OF A "LARGE SHIPMENT" WAS ANNOUNCED  
WITH MUCH FANFARE IN THE PRESS AND ON THE RADIO. THE PRICE IS  
FIXED AT 7K PER CAN. THE PRICE OF PALM OIL IN THE MARKET CREPT  
UP FROM 12K TO 15 A BOTTLE (75CL) BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT FORCED  
THE SELLERS TO GO BACK TO 12K.

3. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY: GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE PRESS  
HAVE BEEN PUBLICIZING THE NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS  
PLANNED OR IN PROGRESS IN KISANGANI AS EVIDENCE OF THE DYNAMIC  
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AND GROWING ECONOMY OF THE "THIRD ECONOMIC POLE". PROJECTS ALREADY

UNDERWAY INCLUDE A SUPERMARKET, TEXTILE FACTORY, TELEVISION STATION, SPORTS STADIUM, AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE BUT NOT YET STARTED ARE A NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL, AN "INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL", A NEW RADIO STATION, GLASS, CEMENT AND SUGAR FACTORIES, AND NEW GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS. IN ADDITION, THE PRESENT AIRPORT IS BEING EXTENDED AND RESURFACED AND MAJOR ROADS IN TOWN ARE BEING REPAIRED. A BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES TREE TRIMMING AND PAINTING OF CURB STONES IS IN PROGRESS, AND ALL OVER TOWN SHOP SIGNS ARE BEING REPAINTED. IN CONTRAST TO THE ABOVE ACTIVITY, THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT UNAZA REMAIN HALTED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. THE LIBRARY AND ASSEMBLY HALL ARE UNFINISHED AND ROOFLESS, THE NEW DORMITORIES HAVEN'T BEEN STARTED. THE EUROPEAN CHURCHES WHICH HAD PLEDGED FUNDS FOR THESE PROJECTS TO THE UNIVERSITE LIBRE DU CONGO (ULC) WITHDREW THEIR SUPPORT WHEN ULC WAS INCORPORATED INTO UNAZA.

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